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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

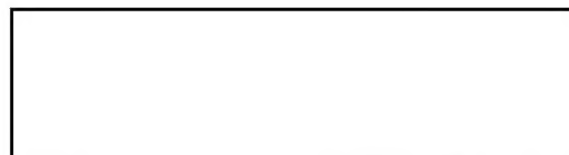
SUBJECT : JRC Reconnaissance Schedule for February 1970

1. This memorandum provides background information for use in 303 Committee consideration of the February JRC Schedule. Recommendations in paragraph 7 below cover the basic JRC airborne and seaborne programs, the Non-Reconnaissance Operations and Special Overflight Supplements and the NRP Forecast.

2. The volume of scheduled aircraft missions remains at a normal level (568 for February vice 563 for January). With one exception, the areas of operation are also normal and are carried out in accordance with the restrictions on reconnaissance still in force in the Mediterranean and the Far East.



JCS review(s) completed.



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5. The Special Overflight Supplement (Tab C) again proposes four drone missions over South China and a single SR-71 mission over North Korea. In view of the recently reinstituted talks at Warsaw and weighing these against our intelligence needs for photographic coverage in South China, we conclude that the drone missions cannot be justified at this time and do not recommend approval. In this connection, [redacted]

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[redacted] In regard to the SR-71, there are no particularly urgent requirements for coverage of North Korea from the national point of view. However, since no SR-71 missions have been flown over North Korea [redacted] a successful mission during February would, to some extent, update order of battle type information on North Korean military forces.

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6. The NRP Forecast (Tab D) lists, in addition to the drone and SR-71 missions above, the normal request for U-2 overflight of Cuba and China. Peripheral photo/ELINT missions [redacted] are also proposed.

7. We are not aware of any circumstances which might cause abnormal reactions to or countermeasures against the missions as currently planned. However, balancing our intelligence needs against our current position vis-a-vis Communist China, we believe that certain programs noted above should be modified or disapproved. We recommend, therefore, that;

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a. You approve the basic JRC Monthly Reconnaissance Schedule [redacted]

b. You approve the Non-Reconnaissance Operations Supplement;

c. Of the Special Overflight Supplement, you approve only the SR-71 mission over North Korea; and .

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d. Of the NRP Forecast of aircraft activities, you approve only the same SR-71 mission, the Cuban U-2 missions and [redacted] peripheral missions against China. *but not China*

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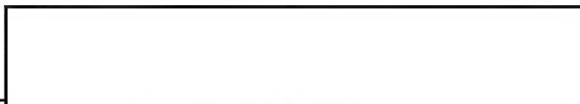
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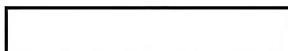
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